

REMARKS

It is Applicant's understanding that the Preliminary Amendment that was filed on April 17, 2001 will not be entered due to a lack of underlining. Therefore, Applicant submits this Supplemental Preliminary Amendment to obtain entry of the amendments to the application.

The application is a divisional reissue application of Serial No. 06/839,564, filed Sep. 29, 1987, (now Pat. No. 4,697,281).

The status of the claims is:

Claim 1-25 are canceled.

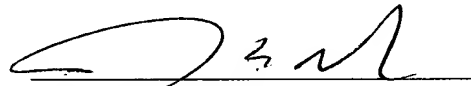
New claims 26-30 are pending.

Support for the newly added claims can be found in the original patent at Figure 1, elements 12, 24, 28, 34, 38, 40; column 4, lines 61-68; column 5, lines 1-30, 52-68; and column 6, lines 1-6.

Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance. Prompt consideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable to place the application into condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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